



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
NEOGA HELD IN
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 533 CHESTNUT
NOVEMBER 2, 2009, AT 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Modglin, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were: Commissioners Lindley, Kepp, Mayor Modglin, and City Clerk Evans. Absent were Commissioners Varner and Commissioner Groves. Others present were Superintendent Hagerstrom, and Neoga Community School Dist #3 Superintendent Castle, and Kevin Jansen from CCDC.

MINUTES

After reviewing the regular session minutes from October 19, 2009, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioners Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIR

PURCHASE OF NEW COPIER

City Clerk Evans presented to the Council a spreadsheet on two new copiers. Evans explained that the copier in the Police Department was so out of date that they could not find parts for it anymore, and with the new copier they would be saving almost 50% for the maintenance program. Evans said the City Clerk's office copier is newer, and if updated to a new one the City would save around \$100 per year and the copier would have additional features like faxing, scanning and color copies. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to purchase new copier's from Watts Copy System for the municipal building and the police department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

UNIFORMS FOR PUBLIC WORKS

City Clerk Evans explained to the Council the spreadsheet for the purchase of new uniforms for the public works employees. Superintendent Hagerstrom told the Council that he had spoken with the employees, and they had no problem cleaning the uniforms to save money. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Kepp made a motion to purchase 6 long sleeve shirts, 6 short sleeve shirts, and 6 pairs of jeans for each public works employee, and purchase the mats from Clean uniform. These uniforms should last the employees for two years. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

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CCDC REPRESENTATIVE

Kevin Jansen approached the Council as the representative for CCDC. Jansen said he wanted to notify the Council that effective immediately Sarah Layton would not be employed by CCDC. Jansen said this was a very difficult decision, but due to the economy they had to cut back. Jansen said that CCDC is committed to continuing the same dedication as in the past. Jansen also assured the Council that they have been in contact with Lake Land College and EIU in hopes of hiring an intern. Until that time, Doug McDermand from Coles County Regional Planning will also be there to assist CCDC.

TIF DISTRICT

Superintendent Castle asked if the City was still looking at a TIF district. Mayor Modglin told him that at this time it was too expensive to pursue.

NATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK PROCLAMATION

Mayor Modglin informed the Commissioners that prior to the meeting he signed a proclamation stating that the week of November 15-21, 2009 is American Education Week. Mayor Modglin said that Superintendent Castle and Melinda White were in attendance at the time. Mayor Modglin also told the Council that he was not aware that this was one of the privileges as Mayor, but it was one of the biggest honors that he has been able to do as Mayor thus far.

FINANCE

No report was given.

PUBLIC PROPERTY

SUPERINTENDENT HAGERSTROM REPORT

Superintendent Hagerstrom handed out a report to the Council on what the public works department has been doing. The report included the following:

Streets:

- Cut trees & dug out stumps from alley east of Locust from E 10th to 11th Street
- Made headwall for field tile at Cedar & 8th Street
- Got New Holland tractor back from shop
- Sharpened blades on boom mower and straightened legs
- Shot grade on Pine from 6th Street to 8th Street
- Uncovered culvert ends along Pine from 6th to 8th Street
- Install culvert & cored out for 2nd driveway

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Water:

- Alum scale register returned, still has keypad problem
- Replaced wiring in Coin Sales building
- Trailer park flushed again

Sewer

- City wide power outage 10/29/09, for 45 minutes
- 2 lift station pumps tripped after outage, had 1 with burnt windings
- Filled holes in chlorine booster building with foam & metal covers outside.

Misc.

- Gathered data for engineer's rate study
- Backhoe door hinge broke, door sprung, took apart

UPDATE ON LIFT STATION AT 956 WALNUT

No update at this time.

STREETS AND ALLEYS

Superintendent Hagerstrom said that the department will be working on filling pot holes this week when time allows. Mayor Modglin said that the equipment reserve is getting higher in funds and asked Superintendent Hagerstrom to start looking at possibly replacing the old equipment.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

No report at this time, however Commissioner Lindley is still working on having a tire recycling day.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Kepp to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindley. Ayes, Commissioner Kepp, Lindley, and Mayor Modglin. Nays, none. Motion carried. 3-0.

Howard W. Modglin, Mayor

Brenda Evans, City Clerk

Date